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MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. KIYOTOKI et al
 Serial No. 10/083,355
 Filed: February 27, 2002

Group Art Unit: 3754
 Examiner: E. Keasel
 For: JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF
 COBALT-BASED ALLOY

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
MS: Patent Application
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/083,355, filed on February 27, 2002, entitled JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF COBALT-BASED ALLOY, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee									\$ 750.00
Total Claims	18	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	\$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee									\$ 750.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-5 and 14-15 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/083,355, filed February 27, 2002. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/270,515, filed October 16, 2002.--

7. New drawings are enclosed, ten (10) sheets, Figs. 1-13.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.


9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-235707, filed August 3, 2001.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/083,355, as originally filed on February 27, 2002.


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